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# Press Release

## City of Downey Awarded State Grant Funds for Treasure Island Park Revitalization Project

### **Long-awaited walking path, signage and new landscaping among expected park amenities**

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At a press conference today in Modesto, California, the California Natural Resources Agency announced that the City of Downey will receive a \$400,000 grant for the Treasure Island Park Revitalization Project. Chosen from a total of 133 applications requesting more than \$187 million in funding, Downey's project is 1 of just 31 projects funded by the River Parkways program. Stated Mayor Anne Bayer, "Downey continues to pursue grant opportunities to improve the quality of life for residents during these tough economic times, and we are pleased that Treasure Island Park has been chosen for funding as part of the River Parkways program."

Project components at the four-acre park include construction of a 2,833-foot walking path trail that will snake through the park, interpretive watershed signage and native landscaping. The City has already undertaken some elements included in the project, including improving lighting at the park. "This grant is a wonderful opportunity for the City to add recreational features that are a high priority to residents and park users," said Councilmember Roger Brossmer, who represents District 3, which includes Treasure Island Park.

Noting that the Treasure Island Revitalization Project was eligible for the grant funding because it is located along the Rio Hondo, Mayor Pro Tem Luis Marquez explained, "This project not only provides public park improvements but also educates the public on the importance of the Rio Hondo Watershed." The River Parkways Program is funded through Proposition 84, the voter-approved Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006.

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